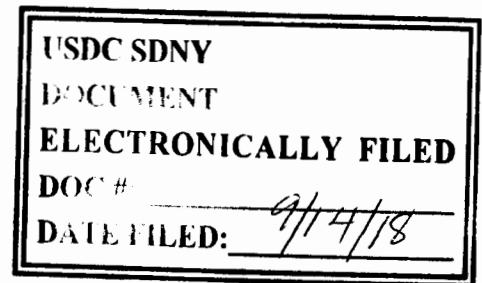


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Honorable Victor Marrero  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007-1312

RE: **United States v. District Council of the  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters, 90 Civ. 5722 (VM)**

Dear Judge Marrero:

I write on behalf of the Office of the Independent Monitor ("IM") in response to the Court's September 4, 2018 Order to respond to the August 15, 2018 letter from Joseph Lauer, Jr., a member of the Local 157 Union. As per our letter of September 6, 2018, I have spoken with counsel for the Benefit Funds and the Funds' Chief Compliance Officer (the "CCO") regarding the CCO's investigation into these matters. At our request, counsel for the Funds will be making a submission to the Court today in response to Mr. Lauer's August 15, 2018 letter, and the Court's September 4, 2018 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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Independent Monitor

cc: **VIA E-MAIL/ECF**  
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